

The Council elected the following men on the State Governing Board, Volunteer Medical Service Corps: Drs. H. P. Newman, San Diego; Stanley P. Black, Los Angeles; and George H. Aiken, Fresno; to take the place of Dr. Dudley Fulton, Los Angeles, and Dr. T. C. McCleave, of Oakland. Dr. Andrew Henderson, Sacramento, and Dr. J. Henry Barbat, San Francisco, are also on this committee.

The subject of the "Red Chevron" organization was discussed at length, and the committee, through a resolution, disapproves of this organization, preferring to lend its support to relief societies already in existence and of national importance.

The matter of enrollment was discussed and reports from various enrollment committees were read. It is apparent that very efficient work is being done in many county societies and that California is supplying its full quota of men in the service. The work of the Sacramento committee was particularly commended, and it was regularly moved and seconded that the form adopted by the Sacramento society be the standard form throughout the State. It is as follows:

AGREEMENT.

We, the undersigned physicians and surgeons practicing in Sacramento County, hereby agree to be bound by the following plan of induction into the service of the medical branch of the United States Army or Navy:

All physicians to be listed in the following groups:

1. Those fifty-five years of age and over, women physicians, and those disqualified by Army or Navy examining boards.

2. Those under fifty-five years of age.

All those in class one (1) will apply for membership in the Volunteer Medical Service Corps.

Class two (2) to be divided into the following classes:

Class 2 (a) Single men.

Class 2 (b) Married and without children

Class 2 (c) Married with children.

All those in class 2 to be subject to physical examination and enrollment into the Medical Reserve Corps on the following plan:

When the number of men required from Sacramento County proportionate to those wanted from the State of California, as indicated by the Medical Section of the Council of National Defense, is communicated to the Sacramento County Committee, we will apply for examination and enrollment into the Medical Reserve Corps in the following order:

First: Those in class 2 (a) in accordance to age, youngest first. When class 2 (a) is exhausted, those in class 2 (b) will apply in order of age, youngest first. When class 2 (b) is exhausted, class 2 (c) will be called in order of age, youngest first.

All questions as to whether any physician should apply for membership in the Medical Reserve Corps, on the Volunteer Medical Service Corps because of essential public need, or dependency, will be referred to the following committee: Dr. W. E. Briggs, Dr. E. L. Southworth, and Mr. Lester J. Hinsdale.

Nothing in this agreement will prevent any one signing it from applying for membership in the Officers' Reserve Corps or the Volunteer Medical Service Corps prior to his call for examination under the agreement.

Signed_____.

Date_____.

A report from each county was requested at the next meeting of the Council of National Defense. Secretaries will please take notice. The meeting was adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, JULY 27, 1918.

The principal activities of this body were appointing committees as follows:

Committee on Scientific Work: Dr. Fitch C. E. Mattison, Los Angeles, appointed Chairman.

The committees on Public Health, Public Policy and Legislation were continued for the year 1918. The committees on Industrial Accident and Social Health Insurance were discontinued.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Council in Los Angeles in the month of October.

At the request of Dr. James H. Parkinson, his resignation was accepted, and Dr. J. W. James, of Sacramento, was appointed in his place.

The question of the "Red Chevron" organization was also considered, and it was regularly moved and seconded that the Council of the Medical Society of the State of California withhold its endorsement of the "Red Chevron."

Communications were read from the State Dental Association asking that a committee of six be appointed to confer with their organization on the subject of X-ray and the standing of radiographers. The Chairman appointed the following men to act: Dr. S. B. Soiland, Los Angeles; Dr. Geo. H. Kress, Los Angeles; Dr. H. P. Newman, San Diego; Dr. Lloyd Bryan, Dr. H. E. Alderson and Dr. Saxton Pope, of San Francisco.

The Legal Department made its quarterly report, which was placed on file.

It was moved and seconded that the Publicity Bureau was to make a study and appoint a committee of five to take up the matter of Industrial and Social Insurance and report to the Council at the next meeting.

County Societies

FRESNO COUNTY.

Dr. C. O. Mitchell, secretary of the Fresno County Medical Society, has been called to active military service and has gone to Camp Lewis, Wash. Capt. J. H. Pettis, Capt. W. M. Thorne and Lieut. F. L. R. Burks have gone to Camp Kearny, and Lieut. A. E. Skoonburg has received orders to report to Fort Riley, Kansas. Fresno County is doing her share in offering the services of medical men to the Army.

Dr. W. E. R. Schottstaedt, assistant secretary of the Fresno County Medical Society, will act as secretary during the absence of Dr. Mitchell.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Dr. Howard W. Seager will rejoin Pershing in France. He has received his commission as captain in the Medical Corps. He served with General Pershing, who was then a lieutenant, in the Philippines. After graduation from Rush Medical College in 1896, Captain Seager enlisted with the Fifty-first Volunteer Iowa Infantry from Des Moines. February 4, 1899, during the Filipino insurrection, Seager commanded two ambulances, remaining on the firing line until the following October, going through the bath of fire in Bloody Lane with the Fourteenth Infantry Regulars. He served under Generals H. G. Otis, Hale, Wheaton, McArthur and Lawton when the latter was killed. He served as assistant surgeon, returned to the Philippines and served two years on the Island of Mindanao against the Moros. November 17, 1900, he reported for duty at Zamboanga, Mindanao, to John J. Pershing, who was promoted from first lieutenant and assistant adjutant general to captain. Dr. Seager was on the board of health in Manila during the Asiatic cholera plague, 1902, and returned to Los Angeles as major and surgeon of the Seventh Infantry, California National Guard. When the war

broke out he was detailed to examine applicants for the officers' training camp.

Long Beach Physicians Win Commission.

United States Medical Reserve Corps commissions have been received by Dr. Amos T. Norman, captain; Drs. T. L. Rogers, E. R. Harvey, W. B. Hill and A. W. Buell, lieutenants.

Santa Ana Doctors to Kearny.

Dr. John Wehrly and Dr. H. N. Brothers have been called to the base hospital at Camp Kearny, August 1.

Five Pomona Surgeons Commissioned.

Examinations have been passed by Drs. J. K. Swindt, Robert L. Smith, H. W. Edgerton, F. C. Swearingen and Ward L. Fisher. The first two as captains, the others as lieutenants.

Pacific Colony for the Feeble-minded.

Dr. George L. Wallace, founder of Wrentham, Mass., Institution for the Feeble-minded, acted as advisory expert and superintendent ex-officio of the Pacific Colony July 2. He said the high-grade moron is the most dangerous type to society. He is allowed all the privileges of society. Only experts in psychological analysis, who know how to recognize these people, can realize their danger to society. They should be under guardianship of the State. Dr. Wallace believes that even imbeciles may be taught some work with their hands and that no case is hopeless. Twenty-five thousand dollars was appropriated in 1917 for such an institution in California.

Captain Ellice McDonald of the Canadian Army Medical Corps and senior medical officer for the Pacific Coast of the British Canadian recruiting mission arrived in Los Angeles July 9 to advise the examining physicians as to the physical requirements of recruits for the British and Canadian armies.

Examination of Children is Proposed.

House-to-house canvass is planned to procure measurements of all children under six years old. The City Council of Defense, the Board of Education and the Board of Health will co-operate with the National Children's Year movement.

County Hospital Fits Men for War.

The patriotic ward of the county hospital has removed defects from two hundred rejected men. Twenty-five men within a week have submitted to operations there in order that they may enter the United States Army or Navy.

Doctors Attend Soldiers' Dependents.

The civilian relief department of the Red Cross has extended aid to more than 1000 families of soldiers and sailors in the past year, according to announcement from headquarters. Two hundred and fifty medical cases have been handled by an able corps of physicians who volunteered their services.

123 Doctors Wanted for Red Cross Work.

Twenty-three physicians who are general practitioners, twenty with experience in tuberculosis work and eighty experienced in work with children, is the need of the American Red Cross headquarters in France. Both men and women are wanted and the Red Cross will defray expenses and provide remuneration if necessary. Apply to the director, Tenth and Main streets, Los Angeles.

Long Beach Red Cross Building Dedicated.

On July 27, the Red Cross Society dedicated its new building at Third and American avenue. Governor William D. Stephens officiated.

Native Son is 100 Per Cent. Perfect.

Dr. J. M. Burnside, representing the United States Government, examined nearly 200 children under 6 years of age July 28 at the Selma Avenue School. John McArdle, 3½ years old, was found perfect. He is nearly 3 inches above the required height for his weight, which is 39½ pounds, his height being 38¾ inches. The work is in charge of the Children's Welfare Association of California, with headquarters in San Francisco.

Dr. Powers Pleads for Harbor Sanitation.

Dr. L. M. Powers, city health commissioner, urged better sanitary conditions at Los Angeles Harbor in speaking at the annual luncheon of the Joint Technical Societies of Engineers on July 23. Poor drainage and sewage systems, many buildings not "rat-proof" and the lack of regulation or zoning in the business district, were the chief reasons.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

Captain Thomas O. Burger, M.R.C., has been called from the Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, to report for service at the base hospital, Camp Cody, Deming, N. M.

The medical officers at the naval training camp, Balboa Park, have developed a service in such a way as to give to each specialist largely the class of work for which he is peculiarly fitted, thus furnishing a diagnostic and service group of high standard of efficiency.

The San Diego profession takes pleasure in welcoming to their community Major Harry M. Sherman, M.R.C., who is now medical officer in charge at Fort Rosecrans, Point Loma.

The members of the county society, after a two months' vacation, are looking forward eagerly to the resumption of its scientific meetings in September. Many attractive scientific papers have been procured for the early meetings.

SOLANO COUNTY.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Solano County Medical Society the following officers were elected for the year:

Dr. Bernard Klotz, Vallejo, President; Dr. S. G. Bransford, Suisun, Vice-President; Dr. Alexander Doran, Secretary and Associate Editor.

A canvass of the medical men in and out of the Army and Navy shows that Solano County has contributed eight out of twenty-six, or almost one-third of its total strength. Others are planning to go. Fifty per cent. of the men in active practice before the war broke out will have gone before long.

Dr. Warren Corneil Jenny was elected to membership.

Military News

1000 NEW NURSES NEEDED EACH WEEK.

Surgeon General Gorgas has called upon the American Red Cross, as the chief nurse-recruiting agency of the Army, to employ every possible means to increase the enrollment of nurses for immediate assignment to duty. He asked that at least 1000 nurses a week be enrolled for the next two months.

The increase in the Army, both at home and abroad, has necessitated a proportionate increase in the number of nurses in the service. The Army to-day is growing faster than the nurse corps is increasing, and as the armies overseas enter the front-line trenches in greater numbers the greater will be the need for nurses in the Army Nurse Corps.

Trained nurses who wish to be of service to their country can do so at once by going to the local office of the Red Cross and making application to join the Army Nurse Corps. If found satisfactory, they will be assigned to duty at once, either in the base hospitals in this country or overseas.

Nurses enrolling in the Army Nurse Corps are members of the United States Army and work directly under officers of the Medical Department of the Army.

UNIFORM PHYSICAL STANDARD FOR ALL ARMY BRANCHES.

Uniform standards of physical examination governing the entrance to all branches of the armies of the United States for the use of all medical